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SUBJECT: MODE--EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF  
OF MISSION - CUSTOMS

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1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY THE ARGUMENTS  
PRESENTED BY MR. BECKMAN IN HIS DECEMBER 15 LETTER TO  
BEN READ. THE CASE HE MAKES FOR INCREASING LEVELS WOULD  
SEEM TO JUSTIFY NOT A MARGINAL INCREASE BUT PERHAPS A  
STAFF OF 20 PERSONS.  
2. ON THE OTHER HAND, TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PRESI-  
DENT'S WISHES ON REDUCING STAFFS OVERSEAS AS WELL AS TO  
CONTINUE TO FULFILL U.S. OBJECTIVES, A MORE IMPORTANT  
NEED AT THIS TIME WOULD APPEAR TO BE A RE-ORDERING OF  
THE PRIORITIES OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICE.  
3. SPECIFICALLY, IN REGARD TO THE ITEMS RAISED BY MR.  
BECKMAN IF CASELOADS ARE IN FACT INCREASING AT SUCH A  
GREAT RATE IT WOULD BE BEST TO MEASURE THIS WORK AGAINST  
HOW MANY ARE FOLLOWED BY SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS.  
SIMILARLY, THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE TO INDICATE CUSTOMS  
WORK HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRESS ON THE ILLICIT  
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FLOW OF ARMS AND FUNDS TO THE IRA. AS REGARDS ARMS,  
THE IRA SEEMS TO HAVE DEVELOPED NEW SOURCES FOR WEAPONS  
(E.G. LEBANON) AND SUPPORT IN THE U.S. FOR THE IRA HAS  
DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY, WITH A CONCOMITANT DECLINE IN  
FUNDS RAISED IN THE U.S. NEITHER OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS  
IS RELATED TO THE CUSTOMS EFFORT. THE POSSIBILITY OF  
SUBSTANTIAL RAISES IN COLLECTIONS THROUGH INCREASING

INVESTIGATIONS OF INVOICING PRACTICES WOULD SEEM SO IMPORTANT AS TO BE WORTH A MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY OF ATTENTION THAN NOW. INSOFAR AS THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN DUMPING INCIDENTS IS CONCERNED, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO ENLARGE THE STAFF MERELY IN ANTICIPATION OF WORKLOAD INCREASE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FOUR POSITIONS SEEMS SUFFICIENT.

5. WITH REGARD TO LOCATING REGIONAL POSITIONS IN LONDON, THIS WOULD SEEM CONTRARY TO THE THRUST OF THE EFFORT TO REDUCE OVERSEAS POSITIONS, UNLESS IT CAN BE CLEARLY SHOWN THAT THE REGIONAL JOBS CAN ONLY BE CONDUCTED BY AN OFFICER BASED ABROAD AND SPECIFICALLY IN LONDON.

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